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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP

OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	John Bradley Thurston Susan E. Nichols	03-01-09 to 12-31-10 01-01-11 to 12-31-14
Chairman of the Township Board	Donald Meek	01-01-10 to 12-31-13



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF JENNINGS TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of Jennings Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. The financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the financial statements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township prepares its financial statements on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. The basis noted above is a different basis than that used in the prior period.

In our opinion, because of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position and results of operations of the Township for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Township for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Our examination was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Township's financial statements. The Combining Schedules of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances – Regulatory Basis, and Schedule of Payables and Receivables, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for additional analysis and are not required parts of the financial statements. They have not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

February 13, 2013

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements and accompanying notes were approved by management of the Township. The financial statements and notes are presented as intended by the Township.

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -  
REGULATORY BASIS  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-10	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-10
Township	\$ 12,720	\$ 20,619	\$ 8,832	\$ 24,507
Township Assistance	4,460	2,888	3,997	3,351
Fire Fighting	2,600	7,536	7,280	2,856
Levy Excess	-	32	-	32
Rainy Day	2,156	-	-	2,156
Totals	<u>\$ 21,936</u>	<u>\$ 31,075</u>	<u>\$ 20,109</u>	<u>\$ 32,902</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -  
REGULATORY BASIS  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-11	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-11
Township	\$ 24,507	\$ 11,274	\$ 11,062	\$ 24,719
Township Assistance	3,351	3,806	3,403	3,754
Fire Fighting	2,856	6,898	7,280	2,474
Rainy Day	2,156	-	-	2,156
Levy Excess	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 32,902</u>	<u>\$ 21,978</u>	<u>\$ 21,745</u>	<u>\$ 33,135</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*A. Reporting Entity*

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township operates under a township trustee/township board form of government and provides some or all of the following services: public safety (fire), health and social services (township assistance), culture and recreation (parks and/or community centers), and general administrative services (weed and dog control).

The accompanying financial statements present the financial information for the Township.

*B. Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements are reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the State Board of Accounts in accordance with state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when received and disbursements are recorded when paid.

The regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

*C. Cash and Investments*

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as receipts in the year of the sale of the investment.

*D. Receipts*

Receipts are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate receipts include the following sources:

Taxes which can include one or more of the following: property taxes, certified shares (local option tax), property tax replacement credit (local option tax), county option income tax, wheel tax, innkeepers tax, food and beverage tax, county economic development income tax, boat and trailer excise tax, county adjusted gross income tax, and other taxes that are set by the Township.

Intergovernmental receipts which include receipts from other governments in the form of operating grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Examples of this type of receipts include, but are not limited to: federal grants, state grants, cigarette tax distributions received from the state, motor vehicle highway distribution received from the state, local road and street distribution received from the state, financial institution tax received from the state, auto excise surtax received from the state, commercial vehicle excise tax received from the state, major moves distributions received from the state, and riverboat receipts received from the county.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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Other receipts which include amounts received from various sources which can include, but are not limited to the following: net proceeds from borrowings; interfund loan activity; transfers authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution or court order; internal service receipts; and fiduciary receipts.

*E. Disbursements*

Disbursements are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate disbursements include the following uses:

Personal services include outflows for salaries, wages, and related employee benefits provided for all persons employed. In those units where sick leave, vacation leave, overtime compensation, and other such benefits are appropriated separately, such payments would also be included.

Supplies which include articles and commodities that are entirely consumed and materially altered when used and/or show rapid depreciation after use for a short period of time. Examples of supplies include office supplies, operating supplies, and repair and maintenance supplies.

Other services and charges which include, but are not limited to: professional services, communication and transportation, printing and advertising, insurance, utility services, repairs and maintenance, and rental charges.

Other disbursements which include, but are not limited to the following: interfund loan payments, loans made to other funds, internal service disbursements, and transfers out that are authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution, or court order.

*F. Interfund Transfers*

The Township may, from time to time, transfer money from one fund to another. These transfers, if any, are included as a part of the receipts and disbursements of the affected funds and as a part of total receipts and disbursements. The transfers are used for cash flow purposes as provided by various statutory provisions.

*G. Fund Accounting*

Separate funds are established, maintained, and reported by the Township. Each fund is used to account for money received from and used for specific sources and uses as determined by various regulations. Restrictions on some funds are set by statute while other funds are internally restricted by the Township. The money accounted for in a specific fund may only be available for use for certain, legally restricted purposes. Additionally, some funds are used to account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity as an agent of individuals, private organizations, other funds, or other governmental units and therefore the funds cannot be used for any expenditures of the unit itself.

**Note 2. Budgets**

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. The fiscal officer of the Township submits a proposed operating budget to the governing board for the following calendar year. The budget is advertised as required by law. Prior to adopting the budget, the governing

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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board conducts public hearings and obtains taxpayer comments. Prior to November 1, the governing board approves the budget for the next year. The budget for funds for which property taxes are levied or highway use taxes are received is subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

**Note 3. Property Taxes**

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are scheduled to be distributed to the Township in June and December; however, situations can arise which would delay the distributions. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100 percent of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which normally become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

**Note 4. Deposits and Investments**

Deposits, made in accordance with state statute (IC 5-13), with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end should be entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statutes authorize the Township to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

**Note 5. Risk Management**

The Township may be exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; medical benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents; and natural disasters.

These risks can be mitigated through the purchase of insurance, establishment of a self-insurance fund, and/or participation in a risk pool. The purchase of insurance transfers the risk to an independent third party. The establishment of a self-insurance fund allows the Township to set aside money for claim settlements. The self-insurance fund would be included in the financial statements. The purpose of participation in a risk pool is to provide a medium for the funding and administration of the risks.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – UNAUDITED

For additional financial information, the Township's Annual Reports for years prior to 2011 can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: [www.in.gov/itp/annual\\_reports/](http://www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/).

For additional financial information, the Township's Annual Report information for years 2011 and later can be found on the Gateway website: <https://gateway.ifionline.org/>.

Differences may be noted between the financial information presented in the financial statements contained in this report and the financial information presented in the Annual Reports of the Township which are referenced above. These differences, if any, are due to adjustments made to the financial information during the course of the examination. This is a common occurrence in any financial statement examination. The financial information presented in this report is examined information, and the accuracy of such information can be determined by reading the opinion given in the Independent Accountant's Report.

The supplementary information presented was approved by management of the Township. It is presented as intended by the Township.

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS  
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	<u>Township</u>	<u>Township Assistance</u>	<u>Fire Fighting</u>	<u>Levy Excess</u>	<u>Rainy Day</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 12,720	\$ 4,460	\$ 2,600	\$ -	\$ 2,156	\$ 21,936
Receipts:						
Taxes	20,571	2,888	7,536	32	-	31,027
Other receipts	<u>48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48</u>
Total receipts	<u>20,619</u>	<u>2,888</u>	<u>7,536</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,075</u>
Disbursements:						
Personal services	7,987	-	-	-	-	7,987
Other services and charges	845	-	7,280	-	-	8,125
Other disbursements	<u>-</u>	<u>3,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,997</u>
Total disbursements	<u>8,832</u>	<u>3,997</u>	<u>7,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,109</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>11,787</u>	<u>(1,109)</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,966</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 24,507</u>	<u>\$ 3,351</u>	<u>\$ 2,856</u>	<u>\$ 32</u>	<u>\$ 2,156</u>	<u>\$ 32,902</u>

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS  
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

	<u>Township</u>	<u>Township Assistance</u>	<u>Fire Fighting</u>	<u>Rainy Day</u>	<u>Levy Excess</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 24,507	\$ 3,351	\$ 2,856	\$ 2,156	\$ 32	\$ 32,902
Receipts:						
Taxes	4,294	2,333	6,188	-	-	12,815
Intergovernmental	6,974	273	710	-	-	7,957
Other receipts	<u>6</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,206</u>
Total receipts	<u>11,274</u>	<u>3,806</u>	<u>6,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,978</u>
Disbursements:						
Personal services	6,120	-	-	-	-	6,120
Supplies	101	-	-	-	-	101
Other services and charges	2,656	3,403	7,280	-	-	13,339
Other disbursements	<u>2,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,185</u>
Total disbursements	<u>11,062</u>	<u>3,403</u>	<u>7,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,745</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>212</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>(382)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 24,719</u>	<u>\$ 3,754</u>	<u>\$ 2,474</u>	<u>\$ 2,156</u>	<u>\$ 32</u>	<u>\$ 33,135</u>

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF PAYABLES AND RECEIVABLES  
December 31, 2011

<u>Government or Enterprise</u>	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	<u>Accounts Receivable</u>
Governmental activities	<u>\$ 406</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

**PRESCRIBED FORM**

The following prescribed form was not in use:

Township Form 1F - Financial and Appropriations Record

Officials and employees are required to use State Board of Accounts prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES**

Township Form 17, Resolution Establishing Salaries of Township Officers and Employees, was not passed by the Township Board for 2010 or 2011.

Indiana Code 36-6-6-10(b) states:

"(b) The township legislative body shall fix the:

- (1) salaries;
- (2) wages;
- (3) rates of hourly pay; and
- (4) remuneration other than statutory allowances; of all officers and employees of the township."

Indiana Code 36-6-6-10 requires the township board to set the salaries: wages: rates of hourly pay; and remuneration other than statutory allowances of all township officials and employees, except assessing officials and employees, for the year 1985 and each year thereafter. However, please remember the township board should RECORD THE SALARIES SO FIXED IN THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES. A type of format for recording these salaries should be the existing format of Township Form No. 17. We recommend the board set the salaries of township officials and employees, in conjunction with the preparation and completion of the township budget.

Township Form No. 17 (Revised 2008) has been prescribed to fulfill the requirements of the statute. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 2)

**OFFICIAL BOND**

Public Law 176 required official bond coverage to increase from \$15,000 to \$30,000. The Trustee had an official bond recorded in the Owen County Recorder's office for \$15,000.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

Indiana Code 5-4-1-18(c) states in part:

". . . the fiscal bodies of the respective units shall fix the amount of the bond of . . . township trustees . . . as follows:

- (1) The amount must equal thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for each one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of receipts of the officer's office during the last complete fiscal year before the purchase of the bond subject to subdivision (2).
- (2) The amount may not be less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) nor more than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) unless the fiscal body approves a greater amount for the officer or employee."

**APPROPRIATIONS**

The records presented for examination indicated the following expenditures in excess of budgeted appropriations:

Years	Fund	Excess Amount Expended
2010	Township Assistance	\$ 1,397
2011	Township	1,426
2011	Township Assistance	803

Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-4 states in part: ". . . the proper officers of a political subdivision shall appropriate funds in such a manner that the expenditures for a year do not exceed its budget for that year as finally determined under this article."

**BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS**

Depository reconciliations of the fund balances to the bank account balances were not presented for examination. We were able to perform a reconciliation from records provided and found the bank account had \$531 more than the ledger balances at December 31, 2011.

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(e) states in part: "All local investment officers shall reconcile at least monthly the balance of public funds, as disclosed by the records of the local officers, with the balance statements provided by the respective depositories."

At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance should agree. If the reconciled bank balance is less than the subsidiary or control ledgers, then the responsible official or employee may be held personally responsible for the amount needed to balance the fund. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

JENNINGS TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 13, 2013, with Susan E. Nichols, Trustee.  
The official concurred with our findings.